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**HUD's Office of Native American Programs** (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

The **Eastern Woodlands Office** (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over \$90 million in IHBG funds, over \$60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately \$5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the [CodeTalk website](#).

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Eastern Woodlands Region



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### GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



**Aho! Boozhoo! Greetings.** February is here with a major storm being felt in New England especially the four tribes in Maine, the Narragansett in Rhode Island, Wampanoag and Pequot in Connecticut and the Cape area of Massachusetts. It seems like it is a relatively mild winter in the Midwest though there appears to be adequate snow for the Birkebeiner cross country ski race near LCO. It makes one envious of our southern tribal friends shivering in 60 degree weather. Our Eastern Woodland office covers tribes from the Poarch Creek in Alabama and Seminole in Florida in the south to the Penobscot up in Maine, Sault Ste Marie, Grand Portage and St. Regis Mohawk on the Canadian border far to the North.

**HUD VASH and LBGT Consultation.** Despite our winter weather, Housing initiatives never stand still. In this past week HUD has advanced two very important initiatives that you should be aware of. The first is a proposal to vastly reduce and hopefully eliminate homelessness for Tribal veterans through the use of

## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR, CONTINUED

**HUD VASH vouchers.** These stand for **Veterans Administration Supportive Housing** vouchers, which are intended to not only support housing for veterans but couple the housing with supportive services through the VA and/or IHS so a veteran has the assistance they need to deal with problems they face from physical rehabilitation to PTSD. In the past the only money Tribes got was through NAHASDA. The HUD VASH program for Veterans was placed in the Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2015 and for the first time includes authority to serve Tribal veterans through TDHE's and requires HUD ONAP to design the program within 180 days or six months from its passage. That is not a lot of time in terms of implementation so a consultation letter has already been sent out and an initial listening session set up during the **NAIHC Legislative Conference at 2:45 on February 3<sup>rd</sup> in DC** for Tribal and Housing leaders to tell HUD how they would like the program to be implemented. The deadline for written comments is February 26, 2015 and should be sent to [TribalHUDVASHComments@hud.gov](mailto:TribalHUDVASHComments@hud.gov). In addition, EWONAP will be hosting an in person and live meeting listening session February 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm CST at our HUD offices here in Chicago. Please RSVP for this session by emailing Rebecca Halloran at [Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov](mailto:Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov).

The second major initiative seeks consultation on eliminating discrimination in housing against the LGBT community based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation. LBGT stands for Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender. The second request for tribal consultation was sent out January 28, 2015 to seek Tribal input on how to implement **rules protecting LGBT individuals from being discriminated** on the basis of their **sexual orientation**. It seeks to align this rule with other HUD programs which bar private and public housing providers from inquiring about an applicant's actual or perceived sexual orientation when they apply for housing. Public comment for this consultation is due 30 days from the sending of the letter from Deputy Assistant Secretary Roger Boyd, or February 27th, 2015, and can be sent to [EqualAccessComment@hud.gov](mailto:EqualAccessComment@hud.gov).

An initial listening session has been set up by NAIHC during the Legislative Conference in Washington DC at the historic Mayflower Hotel next week on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 2:45 pm. This conference is set up annually to assist Tribes and TDHE's hear from the Executive branch and Congressional leaders that impact how they administer their programs. It is a good place to hear directly from HUD, DOE, DOI and IHS on programs administered by their agencies. Best Regards, [Mark Butterfield](#)

## INDIAN COUNTRY NEWS



National  
Congress of  
American  
Indians

NCAI's State of the Indian Nations Address was delivered on January 22, 2015. In an address to members of Congress, senior Administration officials, and leaders of tribal nations, the President of the National Congress of American Indians called on Congress and the Obama Administration to follow through on a policy action plan to improve economic opportunity, education, and innovation in Indian Country. During the annual State of Indian Nations address, NCAI President Brian Cladoosby, chairman of the Swinomish Nation, also called for the federal government to modernize trust relations with tribal governments and

remove barriers to economic growth. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs delivered the Congressional response. To watch the full address, [click here](#).

DOI's Bureau of Indian Affairs Seeking Tribal Comments on Proposed Rule for the Housing Improvement Program - Due March 6, 2015. On Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published its [proposed rule of 25 CFR Part 256 for the Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#). The proposed rule would make several changes to the regulation and administration of HIP. BIA is seeking comments from tribes on the proposed rule changes, and the deadline to submit comments is Friday, March 6, 2015. Comments may be submitted via Federal Rulemaking at <http://www.regulations.gov> where the rule is listed under the agency name "Bureau of Indian Affairs." The rule has been assigned Docket ID: BIA-2014-0004. They may also be submitted by mail to: Elizabeth K. Appel, Director; Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, Indian Affairs, DOI; 1849 C St. NW., Mail Stop 3642-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. For questions contact: Mr. Les Jensen, Division of Housing Assistance, BIA at (907) 586-7397 or [leslie.jensen@bia.gov](mailto:leslie.jensen@bia.gov).

## NATIONAL ONAP NEWS

**Tribal Nations to be Eligible for HUD-VASH:** From the H.R. 83 Consolidated Appropriations for fiscal year 2015, “*Provided further*, That the [HUD] Secretary shall set aside an amount provided under this paragraph for a rental assistance and supportive housing demonstration program for Native American veterans that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation or other Indian areas: *Provided further*, That such demonstration program shall be modeled after, with necessary and appropriate adjustments for Native American grant recipients and veterans, the rental assistance and supportive housing program funded under this paragraph, including administration in conjunction with the Department of Veterans Affairs and overall implementation of section 8 (o)(19) of the Act: *Provided further*, That amounts for rental assistance and associated administrative costs shall be made available by grants to recipients eligible to receive block grants under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996.” To read the full passage from the Appropriations Bill (pages 603-604), [click here](#).

**VASH UPDATE:** HUD ONAP is working with the VA and Indian Health Services to create the HUD-VASH programs for Tribes which will be introduced in the Federal Register roughly by June 10th, 2015. On January 26, 2015 ONAP sent a letter to Tribal leadership asking for input on the design of the program. The comment period is open until February 25, 2015. A listening session will be held during the NAIHC Legislative Conference in D.C. on February 3, 2015.

**Another listening session will be held in the Chicago ONAP office on February 19th, 2015. Grantees can also tune into this session via Live Meeting. More details and a Live Meeting invitation is coming soon.**

**Second NAHASDA Reauthorization Bill introduced to U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 360 -** On January 14, 2015 Congressman Steve Pearce (R-NM) introduced H.R.360 which is similar to H.R. 4329 (passed by the House on December 3rd, 2015). The text of the H.R. 360 NAHASDA Reauthorization bill, [now available](#). Both bills await consideration by the Senate.

**ELOCCS Conversion-** The deadline for eLOCCS conversion has been extended to March 31, 2015. If you missed this deadline, contact your [Grants Management Specialist](#).

## EWONAP REGIONAL NEWS

First Nations Development Institute ([First Nations](#)) announced the inaugural six recipients of its new Native Agriculture and Food Systems Scholarships. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 toward completing his or her college studies in agriculture and food-related fields. We congratulate these 3 recipients from Tribes served by EWONAP:

**Marcus Grignon, Menominee** – Marcus is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay majoring in environmental justice. He also is a former tribal college student, having recently graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Marcus has worked extensively with the Menominee Tribe to reclaim its food security and revitalize its culture. In 2008, he started a nonprofit, Citizens for a Sustainable Future, that was geared toward increasing access to healthy food at tribal schools. He is now focused on founding a Menominee language institute.

**Jasmine Locklear, Lumbee** – Jasmine is a junior at Brigham Young University-Idaho majoring in agriculture education and Native American studies. She notes that her interest in planting, growing and harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables dates back to childhood when she assisted her grandfather in the family garden. After she graduates, Jasmine intends to use her degree in agriculture education to teach Native youth the importance of reclaiming control of traditional/local food systems.

**Wausaumoutouikwe Sandman-Shelifoe, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe** – Wausaumoutouikwe is a freshman at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe Community College majoring in environmental science. In addition to her studies, she also participates in several food-related projects and activities, including the tribe’s maple sugar bash, community garden, and reseeded efforts. After she graduates, Wausaumoutouikwe intends to use her degree to help the tribe improve its local food system.

## EWONAP REGIONAL NEW, CONTINUED

Grants Management Specialist, **Angela Cotton**, retired after 22 years with the Eastern Woodlands office in January 2015. The grantees she served will be notified of their new Grants Management Specialist. Questions can be directed to Elton Jones, Grants Management Director, at [Elton.Jones@hud.gov](mailto:Elton.Jones@hud.gov). Best of Luck to Ms. Cotton!

Administrator Mark Butterfield will be attending the [USET Impact Week](#) in Washington, DC February 9-12, 2015.

### TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES

| Training/Event  | When & Where                                   | Description and Registration  |
|---|--|---|
| NAIHC Legislative Conference                                    | Feb 3,<br>Washington,<br>DC                    | <b>HUD-VASH LISTENING SESSION SCHEDULED-</b> On February 3, 2015, during the NAIHC Legislative Conference, HUD's Office of Native American Programs will moderate a listening session on the implementation of HUD-VASH in Tribal programs. On January 26, HUD sent <a href="#">this letter</a> to Tribal leaders advising them of the comment period and questions to consider. The deadline is Feb. 25, 2015.   |
| Financial Management, Program Income & Basic Audit (ONAP/NAIHC) | Feb. 4-6<br>Reno, NV                           | The purpose of this training is to provide participants with an orientation to the financial management systems necessary to achieve and maintain administrative capability in operating the IHBG program. Participants will be provided with an overview of the financial and administrative requirements that pertain to the use of funds distributed to tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). For more info., and to register, <a href="#">click here</a> . |
| <a href="#">USET Impact Week</a>                                | Feb 9-12,<br>Washington,<br>DC                 | <b>Honoring Our Past, Engaging in the Present, Empowering Our Youth for a Bright Future-</b> USET 2015 Impact Week Meeting will begin with a general assembly February 9th at 8:30 AM. Presentations for the Board of Directors will be held February 9-12, 2015. The Board of Directors Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2015 adjourning approximately 1:00 PM.   |
| Accessible Housing (NLC)  | February 10,<br>Webinar<br>2 pm to 3 pm<br>EST | Is your community accessible for the elders and Tribal members with disabilities? This Webinar will address various strategies to evaluate your community needs. We will discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act, housing accessibility, Tribal buildings, and the impact of disability in Indian Country. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| Title VI/Loan Leveraging (ONAP/NAIHC)                           | Feb. 10-11<br>Phoenix, AZ                      | This comprehensive 2-day course is designed to cover many aspects of the Title VI loan leveraging program and mixing of funding sources. Course instructors have multiple years of experience in blending Title VI and other Indian housing programs for successful housing development. Participants will gain knowledge & confidence to make informed decisions about leveraging dollars using Title VI, Section 184 and other financing sources for Tribal development project. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |

**TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED**

| Training/Event  | When & Where                  | Description and Registration   |
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| On-line Environmental Review Resources (NLC)  | February 11, 2 pm to 3 pm EST | With the implementation of HEROS, HUD's Environmental Review Online System, Tribes will be expected to place their environmental review on the web. This webinar is designed to help expose Tribes to the many on line tools and data systems that can aid the practitioner in the performance of an environmental review. This webinar will review USEPA's NEPAAssist and HUD's ATEC, but other online resources (e.g. FEMA's map store and the US Fish & Wildlife Service IPaC (Information, Planning, and Conservation System). To register, <a href="#">click here</a> . |
| United National Indian Tribal Youth Mid-Year Conference                                   | Feb. 11-15 Washington, D.C.   | Hundreds of UNITY youth councils members and delegates are expected once again to converge for historic meetings in Washington D.C. The 2015 UNITY Midyear Conference will take place February 11-15, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City hotel in Arlington, Virginia. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |
| Tribal Government E-Commerce: Innovating a New Geography of Indian Country CLE Conference | Feb. 12-13 Chandler, AZ       | This conference will bring together Tribal leaders and officials, lawyers practicing in Indian country, on and off reservation economic planning and development experts, business and finance specialists, virtual casino managers and executives, online vendors and entrepreneurs, regulatory experts and cutting-edge scholars to explore the legal issues of Tribal E-Commerce. For more info, contact <a href="mailto:darlene.lester@asu.edu">darlene.lester@asu.edu</a> or call (480) 965-7715. <a href="#">Click here for Agenda &amp; Registration</a>              |
| <b>EWONAP HUD VASH Listening Session</b>  | Feb. 19, Chicago HUD Office   | EWONAP is holding a listening session February 19th in the Chicago HUD Office for Tribal leaders to share their input on the design of a Tribal HUD VASH program. The session will also be available online via Live Meeting. An invitation will be emailed to all regional Tribal Leaders soon. Contact Administrator Advisor Rebecca Halloran at <a href="mailto:Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov">Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov</a> or 312.913.8626 with any questions.  |
| NCAI Tribal Nations Legislative Summit  | Feb. 23-26 Washington, D.C.   | NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS TRIBAL NATIONS LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT includes the following planned consultations & listening sessions with several federal agencies. To register and for more information, visit <a href="http://www.ncai.org">www.ncai.org</a>  |
| U.S. EPA Webinar Tribal Household Hazardous Waste Management                              | Feb. 25 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm EST | Join us for a webinar on Tribal Household Hazardous Waste Management. Learn about tribes who are implementing successful household hazardous waste collections and best management practices for safely storing household hazardous waste prior to recycling or disposal. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| HHS's 17th Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC) for FY 2017                           | Feb. 25-26, Washington, D.C.  | The U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) will host the 17th Annual Tribal Budget Consultation (ATBC) for Fiscal Year 2017 in February. The 2-day session will include one-on-one sessions and a Tribal Resource Day on Feb. 25, 2015, and the ATBC session on Feb. 26, 2015. Click <a href="#">here</a> to view the draft agenda.  |

**TRAINING, CONFERENCES, AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED**

| Training/Event   | When & Where                               | Description and Registration  |
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| Opportunities and Challenges to Providing Health Care in Indian Country CLE Conference | Feb. 26-27<br>Tempe, AZ                    | This conference will offer a forum for experts and Tribal leaders to discuss the myriad complex legal and policy issues that Tribal communities face in an increasingly sophisticated and complicated healthcare landscape to provide the best and highest quality healthcare to Indian peoples. This conference will bring together cutting-edge scholars, Tribal leaders and officials, healthcare planning and development experts, attorneys, and others to explore these important topics. For more info., contact Danielle Williams at <a href="mailto:danielle.williams.1@asu.edu">danielle.williams.1@asu.edu</a> or (480) 965-2922. <a href="#">Click here for Registration &amp; Agenda</a> |
| Native CDFIs (NLC)   | March 3<br>Webinar<br>2 pm to 3 pm<br>EST  | Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) provide financial resources and training programs aimed at tribal community development. This interactive webinar will teach participants about how to work with CDFIs, where CDFIs fit in the overall funding landscape, and how to create their own CDFI. The objective of the webinar is to introduce participants to the basics of CDFIs, identify key Native CDFIs that are active in different regions and how participants can take advantage of resources provided by CDFIs. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program Compliance (NLC)                                 | March 4,<br>Webinar<br>2 pm to 3 pm<br>EST | This course will provide an overview of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program as well as detailed procedures and requirements needed to ensure operational compliance. Discussion will include a comparison of LIHTC and NA-HASDA compliance requirements. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| Sources of Capital for Tribal Governments and NGOs (NLC)                               | March 5,<br>Webinar<br>2 pm to 3 pm<br>EST | Participants will learn about sources of capital, both private and public, available for Tribal governments and NGOs. The webinar covers financial definitions, incremental steps to capital raising, tips for working with banks / lenders, and creditworthiness. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| Planning for Succession  | March 10<br>Webinar<br>2 pm to 3 pm<br>EST | As senior managers leave the Tribal workforce, their vast knowledge doesn't have to leave with them. Learn how succession plans can help ensure the knowledge of operations, culture, and other aspects are passed on to employees and minimize the risk of service interruption. To register, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |
| National RES – Reservation Economic Summit   | March 9-12<br>Las Vegas, NV                | National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development hosts this annual event featuring unparalleled access to respected Tribal leaders, members of congress, federal agency representatives, state & local elected officials & top executives on a national platform. Visit <a href="http://res.ncaied.org/">http://res.ncaied.org/</a>   |
| NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit   | April 7-9<br>Palm Springs, CA              | 6th Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit: <i>Strengthening the Circle: Building the Skills of the Tribal Public Health Workforce</i> . For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |





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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

| Training/Event   | When & Where                              | Description and Registration  |
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| Tribal Economic Development Outlook Conference (CAIED) | April 9,<br>Flagstaff, AZ                 | How will the Tribal economy do this year? What will impact your bottom line? What does the Tribal economic future look like? The 2015 Tribal Economic Outlook Conference will preview the conditions that will impact business, the economy, and your wallet in the year ahead. Hear what the experts are predicting for 2015 at the Tribal, state & local level. To register, click <a href="#">HERE</a> . |
| NCAI Mid-Year Conference                               | June 28 to<br>July 1, 2015<br>St Paul, MN | Save the Date. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |

For information about [NAIHC's Leadership Institute Training](#), [click here](#).

For information about [NAIHC's HUD ONAP Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information about [FirstPic's HUD ONAP Training](#), [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's Trainings](#), [click here](#).

For information on the [Native Learning Center's other Resources](#), [click here](#).

## Guides, Resources, and Tools

[EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#)® is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. For more info, [click here](#).

[DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country](#): This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

[National Training and Education Resource](#): Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

[IRS's Indian Tribal Governments](#) office is offering the [Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics](#) phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also [submit questions](#) about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

### Guides, Resources, and Tools

**Free Online Permaculture Design Course:** The [Regenerative Leadership Institute](#) offers a 72+ hour permaculture design on-line course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, [click here](#). **ONGOING**

**New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities:** The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend \$8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, [click here](#).

**On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool:** US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. [Download the tool here](#).

**HUD's Office of Environment and Energy offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages** on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the [Environmental Review resource pages](#) grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

**EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance:** This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, [click here](#).

**HUDUSER's New Consumer's Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes**. The Guide is a new section of HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research's website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. For the full guide, [click here](#).

**FindYouthInfo.gov** helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. To learn more, [click here](#).

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

The [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website lists **Open Grant Opportunities** for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

For the complete list, visit <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and filter under Eligibility.

| Source  | Deadline | Details and links   |
|---|----------|---|
| Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants                                      | Feb. 9   | Approx. \$76 MM available for FY 2014. Subject to appropriations, HUD Individual grant awards up to a maximum of \$30MM. NOFA & application package at <a href="http://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a> . CFDA # 14.889. Additional information, <a href="#">click here</a> or visit: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/cn">www.hud.gov/cn</a> .  |
| Violent Gang & Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods)         | Feb. 17  | This U.S. Dept. of Justice program is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence. <b>ELIGIBILITY:</b> States, units of local government, educational institutions, faith-based and other community organizations, private nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribal governments. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |
| USDA Community Connect Program Grants   | Feb. 17  | USDA 2015 Community Connect Program grants are awarded to establish essential broadband services in rural communities where it is currently not available. Funds can be used to construct or acquire facilities to deploy broadband to all residential and business customers in the proposed funded service area and all participating Critical Community Facilities including funding for up to 10 Computer Access Points in local Community Centers. Funds can go to improve, construct or acquire a Community Center with provision of Computer Access Points. To support grant applications, USDA is holding an Internet-based webinar on Wednesday, Jan. 21. For more information and to register for the webinar, <a href="#">click here</a> . |
| Public Transportation on Indian Reservations<br>Program: Tribal Transit Program | Feb. 18  | The primary purpose of this U.S. Dept. of Transportation program is to support planning, capital, and operating assistance for Tribal public transit services. <b>ELIGIBILITY:</b> Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities located in rural areas. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (DOJ)                                | Feb. 24  | The Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (Tribal SAS Program) provides funding directly to Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofit Tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services. Tribal agencies, organizations, and nonprofits provide critical and culturally relevant services that are specifically responsive to the needs of sexual assault victims within tribal communities. For additional information on the Tribal SAS Program, including what past Tribal SAS Program grantees have accomplished with their grant funds and to view the Tribal SAS Program performance measures, <a href="#">click here</a> . For the full NOFA, <a href="#">click here</a> .                           |
| Coordinated Tribal Assistance Grants (DOJ)                                      | Feb. 24  | This U.S. Dept. of Justice program provides funding to Indian Tribal Governments to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and victimization issues in Tribal communities. Maximum of \$4MM over a period of up to 3 years depending on purpose area. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES, CONTINUED

| Source  | Deadline | Details and links  |
|---|----------|--|
| Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops                                 | Feb. 24  | This National Endowment for the Humanities program supports a series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of K-12 educators. Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and related subjects in the humanities. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| <a href="#">Suicide Prevention Resource Center</a> (SAMSHA)                         | Mar. 2   | Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$5,634,000 per year. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for a fiscal year (FY) 2015 Suicide Prevention Resource Center grant. The program is to build national capacity for preventing suicide by providing technical assistance, training, & resources to assist states, tribes, and other organizations and individuals to develop suicide prevention strategies. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |
| Sustainable Employment and Economic Development Strategies – SEEDS (HHS)            | Mar. 4   | The SEEDS initiative promotes job growth and business development in Native communities that are experiencing challenging economic conditions. In an effort to reduce un- and under-employment and stimulate local economies, four key priorities that ANA will pursue through the SEEDS initiative are: 1) creation of sustainable employment opportunities; 2) professional training and skill development that increases participants' employability and earning potential; 3) creation and development of small businesses and entrepreneurial activities; and 4) a demonstrated strategy and commitment to keeping the jobs and revenues generated by project activities within the Native communities being served.. The SEEDS initiative prioritizes implementation-ready projects that will create jobs. To learn more, <a href="#">click here</a> . |
| National Park Service NAGPRA  | Mar. 11  | The National NAGPRA Program assists the Secretary of the Interior. Section 10 of NAGPRA authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to museums, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations for the purposes of assisting in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of Native American cultural items, including human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Link to Additional Information: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm">http://www.nps.gov/nagpra/grants/index.htm</a>   |
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| Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative | Mar. 16  | The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), is accepting applications for FY 2015 Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success cooperative agreements. The SPF-PFS program is designed to address two of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20; and 2) prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25. For more info., visit <a href="#">Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State and Tribal Initiative</a>   |

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| Social Innovation Fund  | Mar. 17<br>Notice of Intent by Feb. 20 | Approximately \$40 million is available for new grants to eligible grant making institutions or partnerships seeking to grow innovative, evidence-based solutions to challenges facing low-income communities nationwide. Awards will be made to programs aligning with one of our three focus areas: <b>Youth Development:</b> Preparing youth for success in school, active citizenship, productive work, and healthy and safe lives; <b>Economic Opportunity:</b> Increasing economic opportunities for economically disadvantaged individuals; and <b>Healthy Futures:</b> Promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing the risk factors that can lead to illness. Each selected recipient will be awarded between \$1 million and \$10 million annually and will match every federal dollar of the grant award. At least 80 % of awarded federal funds must be invested in sub-recipient programs. <b>Applicants are also strongly encouraged to submit a Notice of Intent by .</b> To learn more, visit the <a href="#">2015 Notice of Funding Availability</a> page. It contains the Notice as well as many resources to help you develop and submit your application. You can also review the <a href="#">2015 NOFA fact sheet</a> , or review <a href="#">Our Model</a> to learn about how our program works. |
| Drug-Free Communities Support Program   | Mar. 18                                | <a href="#">Drug-Free Communities Support Program</a> . Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$125,000 per year. Program was created by the Drug-Free Communities Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-20). The DFC Support Program has two goals: Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies; as well as federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth*. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |

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| NPS Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes (Tribal Heritage Grants)  | Mar. 20  | The National Park Service is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2015 Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations (Tribal Heritage Grants). Please review the guidelines and instructions provided and your application and proposal <i>carefully</i> before submission. Approximately \$250,000 will be available for awards. For more info., visit <a href="http://www.nps.gov/thpo/tribal-heritage/application.html">http://www.nps.gov/thpo/tribal-heritage/application.html</a>  |
| ANA Native Asset Building Initiative   | Mar. 25  | This initiative supports innovative asset-building projects, which feature IDAs, financial education, and related services, to enable low-income Native American individuals and families to acquire long-term assets and improve their economic status. NABI also seeks understand how IDAs and related services enable individuals and families to become and remain more financially stable over the long term. This knowledge will be used to further promote and enhance asset development strategies within Native American communities, and to help identify how community-based training and supports work towards achieving asset development goals for individuals. To read the full NOFA, <a href="#">click here</a> . |
| EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program                              | May 8    | Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized tribal governments and eligible intertribal consortia. The EPA is seeking grant proposals for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) for FY 2016 work plan program development activities. The goal of the GAP is to assist tribes in developing the capacity to plan and establish environmental protection programs and to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs. For more information, see the <a href="#">funding opportunity description</a> .   |
| FY2015 Historic Preservation Fund-Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (DOI/NPS) | May 15   | Dept. of the Interior National Park Service program to provide formula grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historical preservation by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning, and technical assistance. To assist THPOs in carrying out responsibilities as stated under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 2006. For more info, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |
| Veterans Cemetery Grants, VA   | July 1   | This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. Federally recognized Tribes are eligible. For the full NOFA, <a href="#">click here</a> .   |
| <a href="#">Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)</a>            | Open     | Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. For more details, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |
| <a href="#">Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program</a>   | Open     | This program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women's leadership and capacity in Tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. For more information, <a href="#">click here</a> .  |

**The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program** is a home mortgage specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.

Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of December 2014, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 27,000 loans, almost \$4.5 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,000 loans were made bringing \$463 million in private capital to Tribes/TDHEs and directly to Tribal Members.



Tribes and TDHEs can use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, [click here](#). For a map of eligible states and counties, [click here](#).



**HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program**- Title VI loans enable [Indian Housing Block Grant](#) recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG 'Need' funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, [click here](#).

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact Rebecca Halloran, at [Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov](mailto:Rebecca.L.Halloran@hud.gov) or 312.913.8626.

Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:

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| MOWA Choctaw HA              | Construction of 12-15 lease to purchase homes.  |
| Iswa Development Corp.       | Construction of 65 Single Family homes, 25 cottages and 30 multifamily units.               |
| Aroostook Band of Micmac     | Construction of 17 units in two communities.  |
| Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy | Construction funding for 28 rental homes and the community center, leveraging LIHTCs.       |
| Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy | Construction of 9 units of low income rentals. Leveraged USDA, ARRA and private grants.     |
| White Earth Reservation HA   | Refinancing of 3 different loans used to fund equity in 2 LIHTC projects.                   |
| Lac Courte Oreilles HA       | Construction of 20 multifamily units.   |
| Ho-Chunk Housing & CDA       | Construction of 36 units of multifamily housing, including 4 units of transitional housing. |
| Red Lake Reservation HA      | Construction of 45 units of homeownership units.  |
| Lumbee Tribe                 | Construction of 50 unit LIHTC project for Elders.   |



## USEFUL LINKS

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| <a href="#">HUD ONAP CodeTalk website</a>                           | <a href="#">Grants.gov</a>  |
| <a href="#">EWONAP website</a>                                      | <a href="#">Federal Register Today</a>                              |
| <a href="#">HUD Indian Housing Block Grant</a>                      | <a href="#">White House Native Americans Resources Page</a>         |
| <a href="#">HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant</a>        | <a href="#">DOT Tribal Transportation Program</a>                   |
| <a href="#">HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee</a>                 | <a href="#">Safe Drinking Water and Basic Sanitation Task Force</a> |
| <a href="#">HUD Title VI Loan Guarantee</a>                         | <a href="#">Asset Building for Native Communities</a>               |
| <a href="#">HUD Healthy Homes</a>                                   | <a href="#">Center for American Indian Economic Development</a>     |
| <a href="#">HUD ROSS Grant</a>                                      | <a href="#">Native American Contractors Association</a>             |
| <a href="#">HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing</a>                 | <a href="#">National Congress of American Indians</a>               |
| <a href="#">HUD PIH Environmental Resources</a>                     | <a href="#">National American Indian Housing Council</a>            |
| <a href="#">HUD PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs</a>                 | <a href="#">DOE Tribal Energy Program</a>                           |
| <a href="#">HHS Residential Energy Assistance Challenge Program</a> | <a href="#">DOE Weatherization Grants</a>                           |
| <a href="#">HHS Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program</a>    | <a href="#">DOE Federal Energy Management Program</a>               |
| <a href="#">DSIRE - Energy Efficiency Incentives</a>                | <a href="#">EPA Tribal Grants</a>                                   |
| <a href="#">USDA Rural Development Grants</a>                       | <a href="#">Small Business Administration Loans</a>                 |
| <a href="#">Army Corp of Engineers Tribal Resources</a>             | <a href="#">CDFI Native American Initiatives</a>                    |
| <a href="#">VA Native Health Services</a>                           | <a href="#">VA Native American Direct Loan</a>                      |
| <a href="#">Economic Development Administration</a>                 | <a href="#">BIA Housing Improvement Program</a>                     |
| <a href="#">GLIHA</a>   | <a href="#">MAST</a>  |
| <a href="#">ISET</a>  | <a href="#">GLITC</a>   |

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